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When I first moved back to PA from New York City, I missed HX, the little magazine offering a myriad of opportunities within a GLBT event calendar for

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upcoming weeks. It also occurred to me that there was no media coverage of many LGBT aspects within suburban Pennsylvania communities. The closest news related to night-life was verbal gossip, often endearingly referred to as "pansy press".

My brother Michael and I have long respected each other's work ethic, and thought that someday we might find a business that combines our contrasting life styles. With his printing and business knowledge, along with my computer skills and yearning for drama, Panzee Press was born. Panzee has had immeasurable help from the get-go. We'd especially like to thank Luke DiCesare, Steve Valenti, Joe Carr, Biscuit, Tweener, Giovani and Vicky Dominatrix for their belief, support and efforts from the very beginning. We'd also like to thank recent additions to Panzee, including our editor, Cathy Nelson, who has prevented me from making mistakes on several accounts. Thank you to the many LGBT organizations that offered Panzee details of their endeavors.

This issue demonstrates the continued dynamics of the magazine. We've recently encompassed more business and politics, while retaining event coverage and gossip. You'llfindourcolumnists are becoming more professional, including the old favorites and our new contributors. While this issue's cover story of a boy in the BDSM community strays from the mainstream towards which we find ourselves gravitating, it highlights one of the many sub-cultures within our GLBT community. This keeps to our original inclusive goals, and sheds light on aspects of which many of us are only partially aware.

One point of which we are particularly proud, and you've witnessed, is that each Panzee issue gets better and better. I'm sure you'll find this issue continues that trend. Enjoy, and please let me know your thoughts with emails to Panzee@ PanzeePress.com

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## What's That About

by Liz Bradbury

Dear What's That About - I know the Boy Scouts discriminate against gay people, but what I don't get is - how can they do that in places like Allentown and Easton where there is a nondiscrimination law? Signed, Former Eagle

Dear F.E.. Let's review some facts about the Boy Scouts and mission driven organizations:

- 1. The Boys Scouts of America discriminates based on sexual orientation and religion for membership, hiring and volunteers. This is a national BSA policy. Local BSA councils cannot waver from the national BSA policy.
- 2. It is legal for them to do so. This is because the Boy Scouts insist that it is part of their mission to discriminate against gay people and against atheists. Their organization fought all the way to the Supreme Court in the James Dale case to prove this point. Among other things they cited a line in their early handbook that said, "A Boy Scout is straight." Of course it was written decades before straight meant not gay, but still...
- 3. Federal Law says that mission driven organizations may discriminate if it is their mission to do so. That means that the NAACP can give scholarships only to Black youth - because it is their mission to support African Americans. Organizations with pro-Latino missions can offer services to Latinos with out offering the same services to non-Latinos. The YWCA can give memberships to women only. PA Diversity Network can give preferential treatment to GLBT people because it is our mission to promote the health and welfare of GLBT people. The Supreme Court decided that if the Boy Scouts really insist it is their mission to discriminate against gay people (whom they say are morally bad role models), then they may do so as a mission driven organization.

- 4. It's important to remember that if you are writing or revising the by-laws and mission statement for a GLBT group, be sure you word the statement to indicate that it is your mission to further the welfare of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community or something like that, and leave out other groups that it is not your mission to support. You may occasionally want to concentrate services to the GLBT community only, and if you do not indicate that in your mission, you may be required by nondiscrimination laws to extend your services to groups you may not choose to support.
- 5. There is a big difference between a mission supporting disenfranchised minority groups that have been historically discriminated against by helping them first, compared with a mission based on trashing a



minority group the reason as won't you support them. After all, the NAACP does not give scholarships to Black youth because insist that white vouths are immoral. The YWCA doesn't

exclude men from some programs because they say men are bad. These groups have ethical missions.

So that is why, even though it is legal for the Boy Scouts to discriminate against gay people and atheists, it is morally and ethically wrong for them to do so. Just as the mission of the KKK is legal but morally wrong, it is legal but morally wrong for the Boy Scouts to discriminate based on intolerance and prejudice toward a certain group of people.

**What's That About** by Liz Bradbury, also appears in the Valley Gay Press newspaper, which is published by PA Diversity Network.

# Our World Through the Eyes of a Boy

Scratching at the Surface

I heard the whistling sound only a split second before I felt the sting across my back. Wy hands curled into fists where they had rested flat against the cool wall. Wy eyes, already closed, squeezed even tighter. Wy teeth clenched, and not a sound escaped my throat. I felt the muscles tense in my back and I fought to regain control.



Just as I managed to get my hands unclenched I heard the sound again, this time the sting came from my exposed ass cheek and again I felt the muscles tense through my body a rivulet of sweat running down my spine.

Again I squeezed my eyes shut against the pain that radiated from where the whip had kissed my skin. Trying with all my might, I attempted to regain control before the next bite would come. I felt a hot breath against my chest and then a gentle kiss. Then the whistle and the pain came again; the moist kiss replaced by hands pressed against my chest, calming me with the knowledge that in this sea of pain, I wasn't alone.

I heard Sir's intake of breath, "God damn, look at that back!" With the whistle and pain, the presence of the one who stood with me, and the pleasure that I felt in Sir's excitement and pleasure, I was amazed at where I was and how I had gotten there. It was fire and ice, pleasure and pain, and truly I understood all that I had ever heard about the mixture. I could almost feel what Sir was thinking as we engaged in this dance. Even the sting of the whip could not touch the excitement that coursed through me. I had never been so turned on in my life.

I was his in every way, at his mercy, for his pleasure, and in his pleasure I found my own. I opened my eyes and saw a beautiful pair of crystal blue eyes gazing at me. There was my Sir, my slave brother, and me. The three of us are together as one unit.

his voice broke my reverie and I realized that all my muscles were straining against one another and I was shaking. I Sidn't know it but it had been three hours. "If you go bown, it will stop," he said. "MO SIR," I replied punching the wall, troing to retain control. Wo knees buckled with the next sting, and I forced moself not to go Sown. I could almost taste Sir's excitement that I could withstand the assault. Almost another hour later I finally collapsed, but the whistle and snap continued. "I thought he said he'd stop," ran through my head, but I realized this was about his pleasure...finally it stopped. Sir grabbed me and effortlessly tossed me on to the bed. he had pushed me just a bit farther than I thought I could go. "Oh yeah," were the only words he uttered. All I could think of was how beautiful this strong, tall, sabistic man was. My slave brother joined us; beautiful in his own right, blond and fair, and the three of us did things about which even porn stars fantasize.

It's such a hot fantasy. Only, it isn't. It isn't a fantasy, that is.

It's my reality.

I can only speak for myself. I am a boy. I am thirty-six years old, so obviously I don't mean that in the age sense, but in the sense that our leather community uses it.

henry David Thoreau said, "If a man does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured and far away." I can tell you about who I am, and about how I feel, but ask another boy about himself and his views may be different than mine.

We are different things to different people, but what really defines us is how we see ourselves. We cannot let other people determine who we are or what we will become, because the ultimate responsibility for each of us lies with ourselves.

It's always amazing to me how much stake people put into what others think of them. I found out some time ago, the most important thing is how you see yourself. There will always be someone, somewhere who will be more than happy to attempt to tear you down because they think it will build them up. It's a sad way to live life, and a waste of energy.

So, what is a boy? A boy is an evolution. In the past, just after World War II, the leather community first began coming together in a kind of organized sense. It was hidden and dark, partially because that was an exciting way to five, and partially because in that time these alternative forms of sexual expression were not viewed kindly. There were slaves, and Masters in our community. The slaves were those whose excitement came in giving control to another and whose pleasure came in fulfilling their desire to serve without question. The Masters were those whose pleasure came in their control of these slaves, whom they would make their property,

That desire to serve, that gratification in giving someone else control, that security in knowing that person to whom you have entrusted yourself is looking out for you; that hasn't changed. The world has changed. It is a different place. It is no longer a small community, where everyone knows everyone, or if you did not know a guy, your friend, or mentor did. In today's world anyone can walk into a store, and walk out looking like your fantasy leatherman. Just like an apple in an orchard, though, a beautiful exterior doesn't tell you what you will find inside.

The concept of the leather boy evolved from the leather slave. With a larger community, submissives had to change in order to protect themselves. The boy was born in order to be sure that when our sir was found, he would get a boy in one piece; a boy not broken, harmed by the ignorance of another. Submissives had to fearn to say "No". We fearned that sometimes we did have to ask questions, and that to ask a question of an experienced Man was not being disrespectful, just cautious. We also learned that an experienced Man, with nothing to hibe. would not be offended by a question, but, rather, would realize that perhaps this boy was more than what he appeared to be on the outside. Perhaps he was intelligent, cautious, and hungry to learn what the Man had to teach him. The more qualities he had that made this boy worth having, the more he could give his sir.



A Sir and a boy are two sides of a coin. There is an exchange. I give my Sir my submission, devotion and love, and he gives me his wisdom, strength, and the example of himself as the qualities that I not only admire, but want to engender in myself.

It is all about love and devotion if a boy's primary concern is his Sir, and a Sir's primary goal is the safety and caring for the well being of his boy. It works.



sex. Boys like wearing erotic clothing that makes Sir excited, or seeing Sir in a pair of tight leather pants; his prominent bulge reminding us of what is to come, igniting the

We are kinky. We love

blaze of our fantasies.

Yes, BOT SEX is very much part of whom and what we are, but like everyone else, we are much, much more than just sex; much more than the cow hides that we wear. Whether in chains, leather, or a suit and tie, in any way you might find me dressed, inside will always beat the heart of the same boy who speaks to you now.

We are people, just like anyone else; we just choose to express our life and love in ways that reach to our erotic centers. It isn't for everyone, and it doesn't have to be. Just as respect for ourselves and our sirs is at the center of our relationships, so should respect for others to live the way they choose be at the center of all of our societal interactions.

you don't have to do, or live, how I do. I don't have to do or live the way you do. I do what makes me happy, and fulfilled, and you do what makes you happy and fulfilled. As long as we respect each other's rights to do so, and don't harm one another, we begin to take down the walls that we have put between one another. We as a community become stronger through our diversity. In the end, our community is a diamond, comprised of many facets, but stronger together than any of us can imagine.

I hope you have gleaned a little about my leather community, relieved some apprehensions, and realized that once you scratch the surface, underneath, all of us are not so very different. We live, we love, and we just want what everyone wants, even though our expressions of our desires may be different. After all, if we were all exactly alike wouldn't life be a bit boring?

Respectfully yours, Boy 8





## Ask Tweener...

Dear Tweener,

I'm very lonely, but I'm afraid to approach people because the conversations I like to have are too intellectual for a lot of people. Think I should just "dummy up?"

Anonymous

Hmmm...a case of "intellectual blue balls," ey?? It sounds to me, my friend, that you could use some intellectual intercourse. Don't laugh, it's for real!!! I'd love to take the credit for coining that term, but unfortunately someone got to it first. So let me explain...

When two people engage in conversation, the flow of words between them closely resembles the series of actions one goes through during the act of sex. This is called intellectual intercourse. The preface of a conversation (i.e. "Hello, how are you? How was your day?" or even something as simple as, "Hello, my name is...") is verbal foreplay, preparing to engage in conversation by familiarizing oneself with the other person. The discussion itself is the act of intercourse: stroking the partner's ego, taking enjoyment in the topic as it is discussed, or simply enjoying the company of the other and listening to them speak. When one discovers some new information on a topic, or simply reaches the point in which the persons have an agreement, this is the climax, the intellectual A conversation dealing with more than two people is an intellectual orgy, in which a person can become acquainted with many different ideas from many different minds. This is often seen in class discussion or while hanging out with numerous friends.

Like sexual intercourse, intellectual intercourse has a solitary side, for those who are too anti-social to converse with other humans. Video games, reading, and other solitary activities are forms of mental masturbation, the act of stimulating oneself through means other than conversation.

Ok, so now the question at hand. I'm not one for giving up who you are for ANYONE! I understand that you feel lonely, but wouldn't you be lonelier without yourself??? Always a good question to ask. Sometimes we don't think about ourselves enough. Conformity is the attempt to adopt values, habits, and appearances of other people. The conformist seeks to avoid anxiety and aloneness by being like everybody else.

What is so awful about wanting to fit in? Conformity is a poor solution to the problem of achieving union with something outside the ego. It mistakes imitation of others for union with others. Conformity is justified mainly as a means to an end—a way of achieving entry to a group that

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provides genuine social support.
Conformity itself is not satisfying.
It gives one a feeling of being inauthentic; of sacrificing one's individuality in order to embrace a group norm. Suppose one achieves total conformity. Then what has one really gained?
What has one lost? My advice...don't do it!!!!

I wish I could give you some names of places to go, but I, myself, find the area rather "intellectually dormant." Book stores, coffee houses, online groups, or college campus bulletin boards might be a start. Keep your head up! You are not alone out there!!!!

DISCLAIMER: The views expressed in this column are the soul opinion of one unique and fantastic lesbian. Tweener is not responsible for any drama caused by the question answers. All names will be kept confidential. Please have a sense of humor sometimes...if you can't lauch at yourself, then someone else will!!!

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We started using Wickedly Clean after seeing this ad. We concur with Bolton's remarks and are very happy with the ladies. — Bill & Patrick

## Pride to Honor Community Heroes at Parade

By Mark Smith

The Pride Festival of Central PA will honor local community leaders and heroes as part of this year's PrideFest Unity Parade Grand Marshal competition. The parade committee has nominated six finalists for Grand Marshal of the 2008 PrideFest Unity Parade. These finalists represent local individuals who have been active in various aspects of the community through their leadership and volunteer roles. According to Donald Anklam, Chair of the Parade Committee, this year's nominees are great role models for the LGBT community.

The nominees for the 2008 PrideFest Unity Parade Grand Marshal are: Judy Chambers, Stephen A. Glassman, Marlene Kanuck, Greg King, Rev. Eva O'Diam, and David Payne. Each of these individuals has spent considerable time working in the LGBT community and promoting LGBT equality to the larger mid-state area.



Judy Chambers is the editor and publisher of the Lavender Letter, a publication that has been serving the Lesbian community for the last eighteen years. Judy has a long history of being active in the community, having served in the leadership of Pride and the Gay and

Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg for many years. In 2003 she served as the Chairperson of the Pride festival. Ms. Chambers was also the cochair of BAGAL (Business Association of Gays and Lesbians) for four years. Under her leadership the organization has moved into the future, becoming the Central PA Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, which is affiliated with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. This new organization just celebrated its first anniversary. The Central PA Chamber is working towards bringing the National Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Association to Harrisburg, having applied to the organization for an opportunity to host the 2010 Rodeo National Competition.

Judy has also been, for two years, co-chair of the Stonewall Democrats, an organization that began in 2004 and works to solicit positions of Democratic candidates for local and state offices to determine if the candidates are friendly to the LGBT community. Judy lives with her partner, Laury McIntyre, who is also quite active in the community, participating in the Central PA Womyn's Chorus, Women's Circle, and Quest Group, an LGBT organization at Unity Church.



Stephen A. Glassman is Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, a position he was appointed to in June of 2003 by Governor Edward Rendell. He is the first openly gay individual ever to receive a statewide gubernatorial appointment subject to Senate

confirmation. Prior to coming to Pennsylvania, Mr. Glassman was the first openly gay political appointee in Baltimore, MD, where he served for five years as Civic Design Commissioner under Mayor Kurt Schmoke. In June 2004, Mr. Glassman spoke at the House of Lords in London, England, on Human Rights and Moslem/Jewish relations as part of a state delegation.

In addition to his political positions, Mr. Glassman has served on a wide range of boards, including the ACLU, The Human Rights Campaign, The LGBT Community Center of Baltimore, The Names Project, and Yale University LGBT Study Center. More locally he is a past president of Common Roads, and is the former co-chair and founder of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition, the largest group in the state working to achieve equal rights legislation on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Publicly, Mr. Glassman has been a media spokesperson for GLBT civil rights causes and AIDS issues. He has appeared with Martha Stewart on CBS This Morning, and on an episode of "Frasier" entitled "The Doctor is Out."



Marlene Kanuck
describes her work in
the LGBT community
as "many baskets full of
exciting events". Over the
years Marlene has been
involved with many events
with Common Roads. She
became a Silent Witness for
2003 Unity Day when the
film "Jim in Bold," sponsored

by Common Roads, was shown at the State Museum, and protested by Fred Phelps. Marlene helped with a second Common Roads sponsored movie, "Gay Pioneers," where she had the privilege to escort Barbara Gittings, the "Mother of GLBT civil rights," from her home in Wilmington, DE, to the event at the State Museum. More recently, Marlene, along with others, helped to bring the film "For the Bible Tells Me So" to the Central Pennsylvania area for several showings to packed houses. In addition to bringing GLBT films to the area, Marlene's involvement in the community has included an acting role, when she was cast in "Finding Home," in 2006 a play about GLBT coming out journeys.

When not working with films or on stage, Marlene has worked with the Department of Education Safe Schools and Common Roads, from 2003-2006, to train over 600 teachers, guidance counselors, school social workers, nurses, mental health, and drug and alcohol counselors about GLBTQ youth and their at-risk issues.

Marlene has also been an advocate for the GLBT community in the Lutheran Church by speaking to the Lower Susquehanna Synod, urging the assembly not to defrock or discipline gay and lesbian clergy who are in committed relationships. Marlene has also presented to Lutheran Youth Directors about GLBTQ youth issues. She is an active member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Harrisburg where she has recently served on the church council.

Marlene has served on the board for Women's Circle, and she served on the Fall Achievement Awards committee (FAB) in 2004. She currently functions as a board member for several organizations: Planned Parenthood, where she advocates for Women's Reproductive Rights; Common Roads; and LGBT Center Coalition, on it's 4th year. You'll also find Marlene as chair of the Fund For Choice committee for Planned Parenthood, which raised over \$30,000 for the last 2 years – providing poor women with funds to elect their choice.



Greg King's primary focus for his non-profit involvement in the LGBT Community in Central PA has been Common Roads. After participating as a chaperone and volunteer for a little over a year, Greg was asked to join the Board of Directors, and has served in that capacity for over

four years. As a volunteer at Common Roads he has served in several capacities, but primarily in fundraising. For the past year Greg has acted as the Chair of the Winter Arts Festival and looks forward to continuing in that capacity for Winter Arts 2009, in which he hopes to foster greater involvement and participation by other LGBT groups and organizations.

About three years ago Greg King participated in the strategic planning process for the new Central PA LGBT Community Center Coalition, which led to his serving for about a year on the executive committee, which was charged with seating the first board and launching the organization. Most recently he served as the facilitator of several meetings leading up to the dissolution of GLSH, and is currently acting as the organization's receiver, working to wrap up the business of GLSH to assure that the good works of GLSH continue forward under the auspices of other local LGBT organizations.

Greg's professional life keeps him busy as the President of Garretson Tile Co. in Gettysburg and his private life is a whirlwind as well, thanks to his 16 year old daughter, Emily, and his partner Charles.



Rev. Eva O'Diam
may be known to regular
Pride attendees for her
performance of same-sex
marriage ceremonies as
part of the Pride Festival
activities. Eva has served
as pastor of MCC of the
Spirit for the past 16 years,
having begun her ministry
in the Harrisburg area in

1991. She has been a lecturer and panelist at several local and state colleges and universities on topics about homosexuality and the church. She has also spoken to various churches and denominations on homosexuality and the bible. When not lecturing or performing her pastoral duties, Eva has worked on the LGBT Center Coalition committee, and helped with Sharing Our Caring, a ministry to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.



David Payne's
involvement in the
Harrisburg LGBT
community began in
1985. He has worked
with several local theater
companies, including
Theater Harrisburg, Penn
Owl Productions, and Lilly
White and Company. In
addition to these theater
companies, David has been

part of the Harrisburg Men's Chorus, and served as MC for the Pride Parade and the Voices United concerts for the past two years. You may have also heard David's distinct voice as he has reported radio news and traffic for Metro Networks. David has been an active member of MCC of the Spirit since 1987. Whenever you need someone to help an LGBT cause, David is ready to lend a hand.

The PrideFest Unity Parade Committee will be placing ballot boxes at local bars, churches, and LGBT businesses and organizations. Voting is done by dollars. The Grand Marshall will be the one with the most monetary votes. In addition, donations can be made to the Central PA Pride Festival in support of a candidate by sending a check to PrideFest Unity Parade 916 Manor Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17113. When sending checks, please be sure to note which candidate you would like to support. The contest will end April 21, 2008, and the winner will be announced at the Dine Out with Pride event to be held in May. Central PA Pride Festival is a non-profit organization operating under The Foundation For Enhancing Communities. All donations to the Pride Festival are tax-deductible.

## PHIL-OSOPHY

# Two concepts have been running separate but parallel in my considerations, yet their sound suggests some connection.

Turns out this latches to previous work, so it'll be PART FOUR

We've greater choice now to perceive objects or events for their aesthetic (ess-THET-ic) value, wringing that which is beautiful from the reality we create. We recognize also that we interpret this beauty individually, and must employ empathy's veil to imagine it defined by another re: beauty, eye, beholder. We might revel in – possibly even expect – its broad application as we seek the comfort of beauty, and thus love, happiness, and peace.

I regard that greater choice because I believe a wider majority of (the ever-growing) us possess a more expansive knowledge of our universe; a perception of vast scales of space, time, and other dimensions (?) populated by enumerate flora, fauna and otherwise; the long-stretching continuity of particles combined and uncombined across the piling moments. The "ET freaking CETERA" of all and everything before – now – and to come – that welcomes our consideration and would witness our demise.

And it is here, now. And it is beautiful.

And we have the gifts of perception, awareness, and accumulated experience to interact with it. I leave "Is it beautiful regardless of us?" for others – with awareness you get egg roll, so I'm good.

Our grander sense of grander things delivers us from pigeonholing beauty; we can find the beauty in each from the premise that it exists; that it – the object or moment – is, indeed, amidst all of this all, and thus imparts some manner of beauty. There is beauty in each for each is part of the all. The all is beautiful, thus each is beautiful. re: Stevens.

The all, the singular totality of beauty, The Aesthetic, the overarching beauty of everything. The Beauty. The Light. The Energy. The Good. God (even, maybe, why not?)...I digress.

It is but a choice of perception, a choice of the mind. Ah, but the body makes its demands and we must abide our duality. We must act on our thoughts and perceptions, and we wield our free will accordingly.

We always have the choice for a more ascetic (ess-SET-ic) lifestyle, eliminating hedonistic indulgences from our lives. Disciplined ascetic living typically associates with religious or spiritual followings and usually involves sexual abstinence and choices that devalue property, possessions, and pleasures of the flesh such as alcohol. More secular practices focus on disavowing one specific component or another, though this method can combine multiple facets during, for example, strict athletic training.

It is difficult for someone without a guided motivation to choose a more ascetic lifestyle, especially amidst all our 21st-century gluttony of personal freedoms. We choose more often to seek happiness through the acquisition of material wealth and "good times." It could be argued, however, that some of the most exalted people in our history practiced ascetic living as their level of enlightenment encouraged – Diogenes, Jesus Christ, Gandhi, Mother Teresa. In fact, one might even argue that some of these could be included in the "50 Most Beautiful People of All Time" list, depending of course on your interpretation of beauty. But therein lies a possible connection – one might perceive ascetic living as pleasing to the aesthetic.

The words of Socrates (like Jesus) exist solely through the works of others, mostly in the dialogues of Plato. My favorite of these is The Symposium, where a dinner party's entertainment consists of each man praising the God of Love. Plato keeps Socrates as his closer, naturally, and Socrates hits it out of the park; he nails the idea of beauty and love in a manner that far exceeds the other guests. (Interestingly, Socrates achieves this by repeating a conversation where a woman teaches him the nature of love and beauty...but again. I digress.)

The dialogue does not end there, though. When Socrates finishes, the drunken Alcibiades (ÄL-si-BIDE-ees) enters, and is thus commanded to speak his turn. "In vino veritas," he eventually proclaims ("In wine there is truth"), and in doing he speaks not so much to Love as to Socrates' wisdom and virtue. Alcibiades describes a series of events by which he attempts to seduce Socrates – the thinking being that the closer you can get to the man, the closer to his wisdom. Yes despite Alcibiades' numerous efforts (which makes for some very sultry

reading, at least for 489 BC) Socrates remains chaste. Alcibiades moans about his eschewed advances, yet ultimately uses this as an example of Socrates' virtue. Amidst all else that Alcibiades extols, he goes on in glowing detail about Socrates' temperance, and how he has overcome its personal impact. His drunkenness evens underscores his validity.

So here, in one of our greatest philosophers' writings about the glory of Love, Plato chooses not to leave us with Socrates' accounts of beauty, but instead with a deeply personal account of Socrates' moderation and power of will to not give in to earthly pleasures. For a long time, I wondered about Plato's choice – why would he tack on this tale of unrequited affection after Socrates waxed so eloquently? In further separate explorations, I found this question as a variation of the later general one – the possible connection between beauty and moderation, between aesthetic and ascetic.

We are all, after all, simply trying to be happy in this life. And as happiness, beauty, love and peace are inexorably coiled, it can be a difficult wire upon which to balance. Our vaunted individuality insists we not only define our own beauty, but we define our own happiness, and more often these days we reach that definition by getting more of what each of us want. A beautiful community, however, would consist of beautiful people, and perhaps a beautiful person in that community would seek more of what we would all want and concentrate less on the self.

Perhaps "The Aesthetic" is more ascetic than we might currently choose.

Excerpts from Plato's Symposium can be found on Philip's website: http://philz1224.wordpress.com

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Imagine, if you will, that your much-loved sweetheart will be turning the big five-oh in three months, and you would like to plan something unique; something memorable for the big occasion. Imagine also that your sweetheart knows many, many people, and while you'd love to include them all in the bash, to do so would require Trump's kind of cash. So, you turn to your friends to help you plan the big event. In the midst of brainstorming, one comes up with the grand idea of a house concert. "Sure," she explains to you, "the Women's Circle needs a fund raising event, and you need a party, so let's combine the two."

And so it was.

On January 12, 2008, the Women's Circle, a local organization created to foster a community where lesbians are empowered to live to their fullest potential, and to create a unified community while offering a safe place to gather and build confidence, skills and connections, hosted "A Day Full of Talent." The event took place at the home of Shoes and Cathy in Highspire, and featured local talent, including Janie Womack (the birthday girl) and Julie Lowery, Pam Bartles, Dottie Woodward and Rosemary Conahan, Amy Shestack, Chris Purcell and Sally Ehrhart, Laury McIntyre, and a new, all women band, Wing It, featuring Mary Emelio and Jody Echterling, both formerly of Delta Jelly, and Cathy Nelson.

The day was spent enjoying poetry readings, comedy skits, and wonderful music. Approximately 60 people were in attendance, including Janie's parents and sister, who flew in from Texas, without Janie's knowledge. They were planted in the audience, and many tears flowed when Janie realized they were there. Talk about a surprise party!

Food was provided both by the Women's Circle and attending guests, who graciously brought delicious items to share, potluck style. Karen Oldenburg of Kokopelli Catering created the gorgeous, delicious cake, which was lovingly presented by Janie's partner, Jane Fetner.

The event was truly a day full of talent, lasting from 3 in the afternoon until 10 that night. Everyone had a wonderful, memorable time. So, whose 50th birthday is next?

## Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus

## Valentine's Dinner/Dance

What do you get when you combine 80 members of the GLBT community, a gay owned and operated B&B, wonderful food, and some of the finest dance music this side of the Susquehanna? The Central PA Womyn's Chorus sponsored Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance, of course.

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, the CPWC hosted its first annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance at The Railroad House Restaurant B&B, in Marietta, PA. Seating was in one of three beautifully restored rooms; the piano room, the main dining room, replete with lit fireplace, or the smaller dining room, also with it's own lit fireplace. Tables were tastefully decorated with candles and small pieces of chocolate scattered about. This wa a Valentine's celebration, you know. Attendees had an opportunity to mingle before dinner, enjoying the piano music provided by Anthony Haubert, chorus accompanist, and visiting the bar for libations.

Dinner was a bountiful buffet, consisting of a field greens salad, rice pilaf and stir-fried vegetables, seafood casserole, braised beef, mixed vegetables, and an assortment of fresh rolls. Dessert consisted of cheesecake bites, chocolate mini-cakes, and carrot mini-cakes. All of the food was fresh, tasty, and plentiful.

After dinner everyone found their way downstairs, to the B&B's cellar, where another bar and the DJ awaited. There were two rooms downstairs; one with a long bar, a pool table, and provided seating. The other had a dance floor, with seating to the side. Oh, and there were a variety of disco balls and light machines to help even the most hesitant dancer get in the mood.

As the night went on, the DJs, Colton Clark and Elisa Smith, played hit after hit, and kept the dancers busy until long after closing time. With much reluctance, the last dance was called at 11:30. As the attendees left they were presented with a beautiful purple rose, to commemorate the evening.

The Central PA Womyn's Chorus would like to thank everyone who came out to make this event the great success that it was. They look forward to next year's event. At least \$500 was raised, and will go toward supporting the chorus in its mission of providing musical excellence to the community. You can find out more information on the chorus at <a href="https://www.cpwchorus.org">www.cpwchorus.org</a>, and at <a href="https://www.therailroadhouse.com">www.therailroadhouse.com</a> for The Railroad House.

 $Miss\ Rising\ Star, a\ preliminary\ for\ Miss\ Gay\ Pennsylvania\ America\ was\ held\ at\ Liquid\ 891\ on\ Friday\ evening,\ February\ 8th.$ 













The contestants were (left to right above) Ashley Lynn, Ivona Steel, Vicky Dominatrix, Shatara and Imani.

And the crown goes to....

Panzee's very own, author of the Supposedly column...

Vicky Dominatrix !!!!!

Some photographs provided by Patty Wilson, Thanks Patty!

## Diary of a Catholic Schoolgirl: Part III

Written by Shoes

April 1962 Sixth Grade

Dear God,

As you know I am now in the sixth grade. My teacher this year is Sister Mary Mother of Ucker. I don't care if she is one of the Brides of Christ. She is mean and fat and ugly. May be that is why she is so mean. I do not like to be hit over the head with books. I tried out for a part in The Music Man. I would have gotten it too, but then Sister Mary Mother of Ucker saw it was me and said, "Oh, it's you You're flat. Who's next?" Also, I am very tired of spending so much time on my knees. It hurts. And I do not understand why we have to have all the windows closed in the summer and opened in the winter. We are supposed to offer our suffering up to Christ. You think Christ would have had enough of suffering by now. Oh yeah, do you think you could smite Christine Garra? She still picks on me all the time.

Love, Kuthleen

May 1962 Sixth Grade

Dear God,

Today I have finally got to do something nice and Sister Mary Mother of Ucker couldn't do anything to stop it. I got to hold the cape of Joanne Butterfield (Mother Mary). She is an eighth grader so she gets to be Mary the Blessed Mother. So me and Brenda Showalter and Pamala Pizzi and Patricia Marks (the new girl) got to be her attendance and carry her cape in the May Procession. The four girls with the highest average this semester got to be in the May Procession. I am one of them. I know because it is my classroom's job to put test scores in "the book" in alphabetical order.

God, I WILL NOT CONFESS TO SOMETHING I DID NOT DO. IT IS REALLY GETTING HARD TO STAND CHRISTINE GARRA! She starts it and I get punishment. Since you have not smote her by now I guess you are not going to. Ok, can you put her eye out or make her Lame? Ha, ha, just kidding...I guess.

Love, Kuthleen

June 1964 Seventh Grade Summer

Dear God

I am off to spend the summer with my Mom and stepfather, Sarge, in West Virginia. Surge is in the Army. He has been since he was 15. He said he Lied about his age to get in. I guess he's been toting around some of that chocolate milk. We live next door to a funeral home. I met the two boys who live there. They tell me stories about seeing dead bodies. Sometimes they tell scary stories, and sometimes they are funny. Like the time they hid under the table and made the sheets move when Mr. Paises' assistant was getting ready to work on the dead body. They said he peed in his pants. I think I would have done more than that! The Paises are getting ready to move. I will miss Ted and Mike. They let me play baseball and ride bikes with them.

Pleasant dreams, God. Kathy

August 1964 Seventh Grade Summer

Dear God,

I asked my Mom if I could live with them in West Virginia, and she said YES!!! I am going to have parents!!! I love my Grandmom and Grandpop very much, but I want to have real parents, like everyone else I know. And I don't have to go back to that school ever again. Yea!!!!!

With Best Wishes, Kothy



## **Inside OUT**Where Is the Love?

The feelings and thoughts in this commentary are solely my own as a gay man of color. It is my feeling, though, that the hopes and

desires for a better tomorrow are universal. As always, I will admit I don't have all the answers. I'll leave that to the one upstairs. I do believe we are all children at heart no matter what our ages, and therefore still have a lot to learn. So it goes, as in life, until we take our dying breath, we always have an opportunity to grow.

As I gracefully take another step (the 43rd) towards my golden years, what some of you might call "over the hill" ... I prefer seasoned. I can't help but become more critical of the emotionally negative environment we live in. As beings who spend most of our time looking for acceptance in everything we are and do, why are we so quick to lash out at others who are not like us? These venomous attitudes have even stifled our openness to new ideas and relationships, as well as our ability to grow. We as a society are so hell bent on perfection, we leave no room for someone to be one of a kind. It seems to me individuality is fleeting. When you base the possibility of a friendship or relationship on questions of "Are they the perfect weight, or the perfect height?", isn't that a way of passing God-like judgments on others based on what we consider flaws in ourselves?

You know, growing up, our parents (at least my parents) taught us that in the world of the future that they had planned for us, one's worthiness would be judged by the content of his or her character, not by their physical attributes (color, sex, height, weight, etc.). Now moving forward in time, we as a people, read that as Americans, are still struggling with these same issues. Only now, more than ever, basic freedoms that should be afforded

to all have eluded most. A prime example is same-sex marriage. Just as no individual should be judged or doubted by his or her physical attributes, let no one judge anyone's love for another person, be it a same-sex or an opposite-sex relationship.

The common ground we should all focus on is love and acceptance, and the need for it that we all have. Maybe if we would just focus our love on others, then that action could become like a mirror, and reflect back the images of that for which we are so desperate.

So let this be our new beginning. Let us all strive to lead by example and learn to live life celebrating our differences; our diversity.

The great humanitarian, teacher, and civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, dreamed of such a world. He knew that just as we have the ability to learn hatred and chaos, we also posses the natural instinct for acceptance, love and compassion. With Dr. King's birthday just passing, and the month of February recognized nationally as Black History Month, I challenge you to acknowledge the beauty, wonders and talents in every person you meet from this moment forward. Celebrate and rejoice in their uniqueness. When you see this in someone else just remember this: "There but for the grace of God go I".

Live, Love & Make A Change!

I appreciate your thoughts and comments. Please contact me at: Jarvis@PanzeePress.com

Until next time ...

Be Well My Friends Jarvis

## **Common Roads**

Sponsors 1st Annual **GSA Leadership Summit** 





Common Roads, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Temple University, and the Wildwood Conference Center are pleased to announce central Pennsylvania's first annual Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Leadership Summit on Friday, February 29, to be held at the Wildwood Conference Center at HACC Harrisburg. The fullday Summit is an opportunity for students, teachers, counselors, social workers, and administrators to meet, network and participate in workshops designed to help everyone better understand and advocate for sexual-minority youth in central Pennsylvania and beyond.



Through the sponsorship of the PA Department of Education, education professionals—teachers, counselors, administrators—will receive up to six Act 48 continuing education hours for attendance. Temple University's School of Social Administration as a preapproved provider of continuing education by the state Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors has also approved a workshop titled "Understanding, Supporting, and Interfacing with LGBTQ Youth" for three continuing-education hours.

In addition to a full day of insightful and interesting workshops, the Summit will feature an exceptionally dynamic and inspirational keynote speaker. Terri C. Houston is a preeminent teacher and trainer of students, college administrators and business professionals. Her 15 years of progressive higher-education experience coupled with her enthusiastic leadership style has helped countless colleges, universities, and community groups build strong inclusive organizations. Terri currently serves as the Director of Recruitment and Support Programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has worked in many levels of higher education, including Residential Life, Student Activities & Leadership, Multicultural Affairs, Substance Abuse Prevention, Women & LGBT Services, and has advised numerous Student Government Associations

Summit attendees will also have the chance to hear the lovely harmonies of 3.12: Healing Music for Wounded Souls throughout the day. Though they met one another in church, the members of 3.12 (Jason Whetstone, Deb McClain, and David M. Glasgow) sing mainly for those who feel unwelcome inside religious walls. Their music—original pieces and arrangements of songs taken from a wide variety of backgrounds, both spiritual and "secular"—points to the inherent value of every soul, the universality of human experience, and the miraculous blessings so often found in hardship.

For information on sponsorships or to register, visit www.commonroads.org to download a registration packet, or call Michelle Simmons at 717.920.9534.







# Mr. Club XS

Leather Competition 2008

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Club XS is sending the winner of Mr. Club XS Leather to IML.

- Room & IML entrance fee included
- Club XS will assist with fundraisers to help with travel expenses

Applications are available at Club XS, or download from ClubXSYork.com
Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed by USPS to Club XS.
To be eligible, applications must be completed & received @ Club XS by February 20th.

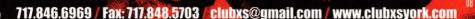
Heres your chance to go to International Mr. Leather!!!







36 West 11th Avenue York, PA 17404



South Central Pennsylvania

Thu Feb 21	Sat Feb 23 cont.	Mon Feb 25 cont.	Wed Feb 27 cont.	Fri Feb 29 cont.
Brownstone	Stallions	Lambda AA	Diamonz	Common Roads
8:00 PM Weekly	Weekly	8:00 PM Weekly	Weekly	Open Mic Night
Trivia	Ladies Night	Meeting	\$0.99 Clam Dozen	Cornerstone
Club XS	in Twin Peaks Bar	Central PA	Neptune's	Coffee House
Weekly	Brownstone	Womyn's Chorus	Weekly	Harrisburg
College Night	St. Judes	7:00 PM Weekly	Free Buffet	Common Roads
18 and over	Children Hospital	Rehearsal	MCC	7:00 PM
iquid 891	Benefit Show	Colonial Park	7:00 PM Weekly	Comedy "Well"
Weekly	Red Star	UCC	Bible Study	Open Stage
Bingo	10:30 PM	Reading Pride	SPECTRUM	of Harrisburg
MCC	Divas of D'Illusion	7:00 PM	5:30 PM Weekly	223 Walnut St.
7:00 PM Weekly	MCC	Fundraising meeting	LGBT Youth	
Praise Team	7:00 PM LastWeek	@ Cafe Waldorf	Meeting Ages 14-18	
MCC	Pinochle		Volley Ball	Sat Mar 1
Weekly		Tue Feb 26	7:00 PM Weekly	Stallions
Prayer Group	Sun Feb 24	Stallions	Volley Ball \$3	Weekly
Home of	Liquid 891	9:00 PM Weekly		Ladies Night
Fern & Laura	11:00 AM Weekly	Trivia		in Twin Peaks Bar
	Brunch	Club XS	Thu Feb 28	MCC
	Club XS	10:00 PM Weekly	Brownstone	8:30 AM 1stWeek
ri Feb 22	6:00 PM 4thWeek	Karaoke	8:00 PM Weekly	Renaissance
Club XS	Black, Blue	Red Star	Trivia	Transgender Group
9:00 PM		10:00 PM Weekly	Club XS	Transgender Group
Swingers	& Bears Dawg Haus	Trivia	Weekly	
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Orag Show	Free Pool	Karaoke	MCC	4:00 PM 1stWeek
Altland's Ranch	Stallions	Red Star	7:00 PM Weekly	Ladies Tea Dance
4thWeek	Weekly	10:30 PM	Praise Team	Drag King Contest
Karaoke	All Age Dance	Divas of D'Illusion	MCC	Free Food, Pool
Club XS	UCH	Drag Show	Weekly	Dawg Haus
Swingers	9:15 AM Weekly	Brownstone	Prayer Group	9:00 PM Weekly
Club Sexy Cool	Service	Weekly	Home of	Karaoke
Meet & Greet	9:15am, 11:00 am	Free Darts	Fern & Laura	Club XS
MCC	MCC	MCC		10:00 PM Weekly
7:00 PM LastWeek	Weekly	7:00 PM Weekly		Karaoke
Scrabble	Service	Choir Rehearsal	Fri Feb 29	Free Pool
ambda AA	9am, 10:30 am, 7pm	Pride CP	Club XS	Stallions
3:00 PM Weekly	3.12	8:00 PM 4thWeek	10:00 AM	Weekly
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5:00 PM	Unity Church of		10:00 PM	9:15 AM Weekly
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Figuratively Speaking	Harrisburg	Wed Feb 27	King Show	
Art Exhibit Opening	927 Wertzville Rd.	Strawberry	MCC	9:15am, 11:00 am
Common Roads	Enola, PA	7:30 PM Weekly	7:00 PM LastWeek	MCC
7:00 PM	HBG Men's Chorus	Bingo	Scrabble	Weekly
Gay Marriage	7:00 PM Weekly	Stallions	MCC	Service
Discussion HBG	Rehearsal	9:00 PM Weekly	7:00 PM	9am, 10:30 am, 7pm
Pride CP	Unitarian Church	Karaoke	@Colliseum	HBG Men's Chorus
10:00 PM	of Harrisburg (UCH)	Red Star	Mechanicsburg	7:00 PM Weekly
@Dawg Haus		10:00 PM Weekly	Leap Year Bowling	Rehearsal
Mr. Central PA Pride	Mon Feb 25	Trivia	Common Roads	Unitarian Church
King of Pride"	Liquid 891	Red Star	8:30 AM	of Harrisburg (UCH)
Drag Contest	7:00 PM Weekly	10:00 PM Weekly	Gay-Straight	Meat Locker
	Dart League	Trivia	Alliance Leadership	Art Opening
Sat Feb 23	Club XS	Brownstone	Summit	
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South Central Pennsylvania				
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Neptune's	7:00 PM Weekly	in Twin Peaks Bar	268 North St.	36 West 11th Ave
Weekly Free Buffet		MCC	(717) 233-0581	(717) 846-6969
Free Buffet Lambda AA	Bible Study SPECTRUM	9:30 AM	Every Day: 5p-2a	Daily: 4p - 2a
8:00 PM Weekly	5:30 PM Weekly	@ Liquid 891 Basket Auction	Decumeters Leures	ClubXSYork.com
Meeting	LGBT Youth	Brunch	Brownstone Lounge 412 Forster St.	Monhoim
Central PA	Meeting Ages 14-18	ACA:	(717) 234-7009	Manheim The Dawg Haus
Womyn's Chorus	Volley Ball	6:30 PM	M-F: 11a-2a	168 S. Main St.
7:00 PM Weekly	7:00 PM Weekly	Fill Your Plate	S,S: 5p-2a	(717) 665-0069
Rehearsal	Volley Ball \$3	Art Against AIDS	Brownstone	Thu-Sun: 6p-2a
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	Thu Mar 6	Carlisle, PA	714 N. 3rd St.	Lancaster
Tue Mar 4	Brownstone	Miss Drag All-Star	(717) 234-4228	The Tally Ho
Stallions	8:00 PM Weekly	@ Dawg Haus	Daily: 4p-2a	201 W. Orange St.
9:00 PM Weekly	Trivia	Miss MDA Manheim	Daily. 4p-2a	(717) 299-0661
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Club XS	10:00 PM 1stWeek		716 N. 3rd St.	Daily. op - Za
10:00 PM Weekly	Goth Night Dance		(717) 232-3060	Reading
Karaoke	Club XS	Sun Mar 9	Daily: 7p-2a	Red Star Saloon
Red Star	Weekly	Liquid 891	StallionsClub.com	11 S. 10th. St.
10:00 PM Weekly	College Night	11:00 AM Weekly	OtalionsOlab.com	(610) 375-4116
Trivia	18 and over	Brunch	Liquid 891	Wed-Sat: 9p-2a
Red Star	Liquid 891	Club XS	891 Eisenhower Blvd	Wed dat. op 2a
10:00 PM Weekly	Weekly	7:00 PM 2ndWeek	(717) 939-1123	Spring Grove
Trivia	Bingo	Viral Comedy	Thu 5p-12a	Altland's Ranch
Tally Ho	MCC	& Tunes	Fri, Sat 5p-2a	8505 Orchard Rd.
10:30 PM Weekly	7:00 PM Weekly	Dawg Haus	Sun 11a-2a	(717) 225-4479
Karaoke	Praise Team	9:00 PM Weekly	Liquid891.com	Fri,Sat 8p-2a
Brownstone	MCC	Karaoke		AltlandsRanch.com
Weekly	Weekly	Club XS		
Free Darts	Prayer Group	10:00 PM Weekly		
MCC	Home of	Karaoke		
7:00 PM Weekly	Fern & Laura	Free Pool		
Choir Rehearsal		Stallions		
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		All Age Dance		
	Fri Mar 7	Brownstone	1	
Wed Mar 5	Stallions	2ndWeek	SPIRITUAL	PRIDE & PAGEANT
Strawberry	6:00 PM	Birthday Buffet		
7:30 PM Weekly	Ladies Tea	UCH	MCC: Metropolitan	Pride CP
Bingo	Altland's Ranch	9:15 AM Weekly	Community Church	Pride Festival of
Stallions	1stWeek	Service	2973 Jefferson St.	Central Pennsylvania
9:00 PM Weekly	Country	9:15am, 11:00 am	Harrisburg, PA 17110	
Karaoke	Line Dancing	MCC	(717) 236-7387	Hamadargi Hadidig
Red Star	Club XS	Weekly	MCCofTheSpirit.org	Reading Pride
10:00 PM Weekly	1stWeek	Service	INCOOTTICODIII.OIG	ReadingPride
Trivia	Leatherman &	9am, 10:30 am, 7pm	UCH: Unitarian Chch	Celebration.com
Red Star	Bear Men	HBG Men's Chorus	of Harrisburg	- OGIGOTOGIOTIO
10:00 PM Weekly	Lambda AA	7:00 PM Weekly	1280 Clover Lane	
Trivia	8:00 PM Weekly	Rehearsal	Harrisburg, PA 17113	Miss Gay America
Brownstone	Meeting	Unitarian Church	(717) 564-4761	MissGay
Weekly	Common Roads	of Harrisburg (UCH)	HarrisburgUU.org	America.com
Free Pool	7:00 PM	Pride CP	. lambourgoo.org	- America com
Club XS	Chill Night	@Stallions	St. Michael Lutheran	Miss Drag All-Star
Weekly	Harrisburg	Show us your pride	118 State St.	Syrena Daniels
Beer Pong Torn.		Drag Show Tour	Harrisburg, PA 17101	(610) 573-8315
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	SERVICE	Club Z	6:30 PM 3rdWeek	Wilkes-Barre
Central PA	LGBT Center Coalit.	9:00 PM Weekly	Monthly Dinner	Twist
Womyn's Chorus	200 North 3rd St #8	Guitar Hero	OUT Thai Thai	Fox Ridge Plaza
CPWChorus.org	P.O.Box 678 Harrisburg, PA 17108	Eri Eob 22	Fri Feb 22	1170 Highway 315 (570) 825-7300
HBG Men's Chorus	CentralPaLgbt	CCs	Twist	Mon-Sat 8:00p-2:00a
HarrisburgMens	Center.org	Karaoke	Weekly	Sun 7p-10p
Chorus.org		, and one	All Age Dance	twistbarpa.com
	Lambda AA	Sat Feb 23		
Art Assoc. HBG	Gay & Lesbian AA	Club Z	Sun Feb 24	Scranton
21 N. Front Street	Friends Meeting Hse	11:30 PM	Pride NE	Silhouette Lounge
Harrisburg	6th and Herr Streets	Michael's B-Day	11:15 AM	523 Linden St.
717-236-1432	Harrisburg	Party	Sunday Brunch OUT	(570) 344-4259
ArtAssocOfHbg.com	Jim H. 717-379-3828	Miss Gay SV 10:00 PM	Really Good Cooking 31 Tunkhannock	Mon-Sat 3p-2a
Meat Locker		@CC's	Highway, Dallas, PA	Opening Date To Be Announced
Art Gallery		Send Off Show	Pride NE	SilhouetteLounge.net
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Harrisburg, PA	Common Roads	Wed Feb 27	Sunday Brunch	Moosic
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3.12	Harrisburg, PA	10:00 PM Weekly	Dallas	3501 Birney Ave
ThreeTwelve.net	Common Roads	Karaoke		(570) 941-0444
	538 W. Chestnut St.	and the second	Mon Feb 25	Daily 6p - 2a
	Lancaster, PA 17403	Thu Feb 28	12 Penny	12PennySaloon.com
	(717) 920-9534	Club Z	Weekly	
	CommonRoads.org	9:00 PM Weekly	Free Pool	Edwardsville
	Planned Parenthood	Guitar Hero	Wed Feb 27	Michael's Lounge
	of North East PA	Sat Mar 1	Michael's	429 Main St. (570) 287-9300
SOCIAL	SPECTRUM	Club Z	7:00 PM Weekly	Tue-Sun 7p-2a
Volley Ball	LGBT Youth Support	CD Release Party	Karaoke	MichaelsLounge.com
Baughman Mem.	48 South 4th St.#2	White Party CD	Raidono	Michaels Loange.com
United Methodist	Reading, PA		Fri Feb 29	
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Stonewall	5:30 PM Weekly	7:00 PM 1stWeek	(610) 432-0215	LVGMC.org
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	Allentown, PA	GLBTAQI Youth	(610) 770-6200	PADiversity.org
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Pride GLV	Sat Mar 1	Stonewall		Continuously
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Benefit	Weekly	Pinochle		245 N. 12th Street
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**Baltimore Maryland** 

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9:00 PM Weekly	PW's Sports Bar	TOOM LOL	Weekly	Phoenix
Karaoke	8:00 PM Weekly	Tue Feb 26	Karaoke	10:00 PM Weekly
Grand Central	Karaoke	Grand Central	Hippo	Karaoke
9:00 PM Weekly	Phoenix	10:30 AM	Weekly	Grand Central
Ladies Night	10:00 PM Weekly	Employee Show	Hip Hop Night	Weekly
Baltimore Eagle	Drag Show	Baltimore Eagle	Jay's on Read	Wet Underwear
Weekly	Jay's on Read	Weekly	Weekly	Contest
Bear Cheat Night	Weekly	T-Shirt Night	Live Piano	GLCCB
Coconuts Café	Live Piano	Coconuts Café	Phoenix	11:30 AM Weekly
Weekly	Baltimore Eagle	Weekly	Weekly	Narcotics Anonymous
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AA: Room 201	PW's Sports Bar	8:30 PM Weekly		Uniform Night
GLCCB	12:00 PM Weekly	Bingo		Grand Central
7:30 PM Weekly	Game Day	GLCCB Benefit		Weekly
Women of Color	6:00 am = 2:00 am	Grand Central	Fri Feb 29	Karaoke
Room 201	Phoenix	9:00 PM Weekly	Hippo	Hippo
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	GLCCB	Weekly	Weekly	Tue Mar 4
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Drag Show	3:30 PM Weekly	GLCCB		Weekly
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Weekly		HIV & STD Testing		Grand Central
Karaoke	Mon Feb 25	GLCCB	Sat Mar 1	Weekly
Jay's on Read	PW's Sports Bar	7:15 PM Weekly	PW's Sports Bar	Karaoke
Weekly	8:00 PM Weekly	Yoga, Beginners	8:00 PM Weekly	GLCCB
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Hip Hop Night 10:00 PM Weekly 5860 Belair Rd.	
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Weekly Contest	
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GLCCB 11:30 AM Weekly Bar&Grill	
5:00 PM Weekly Narcotics Anonymous (301) 498-4840	
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GLCCB Blvd. Suite N.	
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		West Maryland	
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7:30 PM Weekly	HIV/AIDS Support	Tini Lounge	٦
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Out For Fun	Wed Mar 5	The Gorrmet Goat	
Weekly	New Light MCC	41 N. Potomac St.	
Dinner Out	6:00 PM Weekly	Hagerstown, MD	
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Presbyterian Church

220 E. Washington St.

Dinner Out

#### MCC's FREEDOM TO MARRY

Court House Action and Celebration Allentown- As reported by PA Diversity Network: PADiversity.org



February 8 and 9, 2007 - PA Diversity Network participated in Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley's Freedom to Marry Day Court House Action, on February 8th. Fifty people took part in the rally outside Lehigh County's Historic Old Court House. Eight same-sex couples applied for, and were denied, marriage licenses. However, the denied licenses will be kept on file at the court house as a historical record of this inequality. Pink scarves

were made by PDN and PFLAG board member Melinda Kohn. Signs at the rally were provided by Don Kohn (President of Eastern PA PFLAG).

On Saturday, Feb 9th, PDN participated in the Freedom to Marry celebration at MCC along with a standing room only crowd of hundreds. The service included many local clergy members officiating. There was a blessing of relationships, and later that evening a dance was held. PA Diversity Network was a co-sponsor of these Freedom to Marry events, along with PFLAG and Renaissance. The PDN Photo Project, 200 Same-Sex Couples: Facing Inequality, is on exhibit at MCCLV. It will be on view there in the framed format until Feb. 21. The Photo Project in either the framed or printed format will be on display at MCC permanently. Please note that MCC has moved. It is now located at: 930 North 4th Street, Allentown (mccly.org).



Photographs by Liz Bradbury

## 4th Annual FREEDOM TO MARRY Rally,

Harrisburg: Dauphin County Courthouse, Front & Market Streets.



Reverend Eva O'Diam performed three marriages, for Deb McCauslin & Gela Warfel, Rita Cisneros & Yvonne Wilson, and Bolton Winpenny & James Booth on Valentine's Day, in front of the Dauphin County Courthouse, after each couple was denied the right to even apply for a marriages license. After vows were read, the celebratory song sung, and bubbles were cast, the rally proceeded. During the evening rush hour, a peak of about 80 people spread across all four corners of Market and Front streets. A large array of signs and banners were displayed, all requesting equality and freedom in the right to marry. The steady stream of cars in the seven crossing lanes of traffic were compelled to join the demonstration with



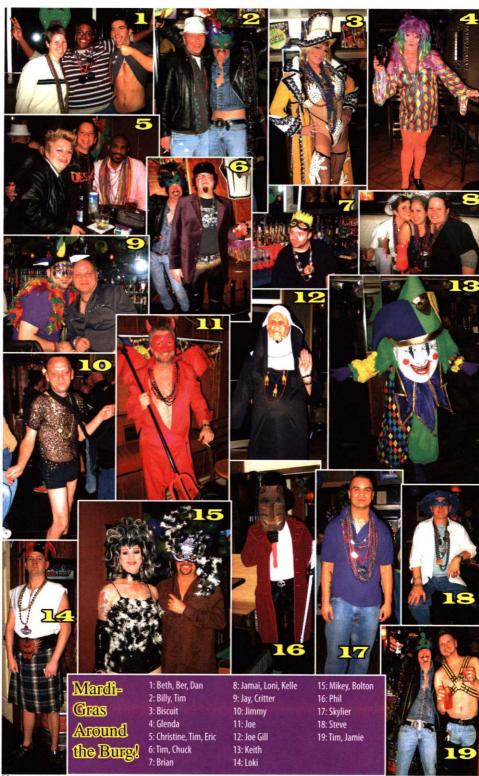












## Maybe / Maybe Not

## ... Gossip from Harrisburg

Well, it has been said that it could not happen, but here I am to prove them wrong. If Ms. Biscuit can look good in drag, then I can write an article for the Panzee Press. Some of this article is factual, some of it is gossip... you decide.

As some of you already know, bartender Keith and his partner Bobby recently opened their home to a new puppy. On December 22nd they brought home a 6 week old Australian Terrier named "Cayenne." This puppy will win the hearts of all dog lovers. Even though Cayenne currently weighs in at only 5 pounds, he is already proving to be a brut. Recently, Keith took Cayenne out for a walk, and he pulled Keith down the patio steps so fast, Keith ended up on the ground lying on his back. My birdies in the sky tell me Keith's legs were higher in the air than when he was a teenager! Maybe,... Maybe not.

Speaking of opening doors, yes, it is true that I have 2 new roommates. They are great guys that are in transition to the south, so it is to be only temporary. Maybe I will want it to be longer. After all, the word from "R" and "J" is that the three of us are now having sex! I recently discovered that the reason I don't remember these 3-somes is because I am being drugged during these occasions. Just once I wish they would let me be awake so I can be more active while the camera is rolling. Maybe I can suggest that our "Handyman" be included... He is a hottie! Maybe,... Maybe not.

By the way, who are R and J to speak of what goes on behind someone's door? It has long been known they both have high speed revolving doors at their own homes. Come on now, they have more people outside their doors with tickets than there are numbers of people with tickets at the deli counter! Maybe,... Maybe not.

My birdies in the sky reported to me that there was no love in the air on the eve of Valentine's Day. Apparently, there was a feud that began outside Stallions between the employees of two fast food chain rivals. This Panzee Press reporter is proud to say that he was the first on the scene to gather the details and interview eyewitnesses. Reportedly, the scuffle started with wrestling bodies on the ground, then hair-pulling and biting ensued. This was followed by one of the "wanna be" pro-wrestlers kicking the door of a bystander's car. A five-block chase of the "kicker" drew the attention of several police cruisers and three, count them, three, city fire trucks, all of which ended outside the doors of the 704 Strawberry. In the end, there was one person in custody, and a limping brand new car on its way to a local body shop. Calls to both establishments went unanswered. Maybe,... Maybe not.

What is up with all the happenings at the Strawberry? Doors open at 4:00pm instead of 2:00pm. Floyd disappears. A female bartender gets hired (looking strikingly similar to one that just left Stallions, and didn't I see her behind the bar at XS as well?). Skeeter is finally remembering to not put fruit in my drink. The pace of Biscuit & Gravy's bingo gets kicked up a notch. Shot markers are now shot glasses, so can we flip them over and use them in a continuous loop? Can we no longer get a burger? So many changes all of a sudden... what will be next?

Speaking of change, Hillary and Obama keep speaking of "Change" and "Hope"... Someone please explain to me what they are going to "change" and what we are to be "hoping" for. I hear and read the slogans, but have yet to hear what they mean.

Until next press release, be kind to one another, and keep reaching for the stars!

## COINCIDENTALLY...

### GOSSIP FROM LANCASTER



Hello Divas, My Boyz, Drag Kings and Everyone Between.

Well, let me start of by saying that the standing room only benefit show for Tiffany North, at The Red Star, was wonderful. We raised \$1,003.00 for Project Hope of Montgomery County in Tiffany North's name. What a great cast as well: Joey Joseph's, Miss Cris Le Bitch, Chuck U Farley, Precious, Dame Glenda, and me. Everyone at the Red Star was very pleased with the performances. Thank you

so much to the patrons who supported such a great cause.

On to more fun stuff. Some recent news is that some Lancaster patrons are happy and very excited to hear that the New Kids On The Block are getting back together! I know of a few people who will be purchasing front row tickets and trying to get backstage passes when they come to our area. You know who you are! Love ya! Mean it!

Well, it's being advertised that RuPaul will be the headliner at the Black and White party at Club XS on May 2, 2008. There will be another surprise that evening as well. Three of your favorite female impersonators will be doing something special that evening. I guess you will just have to come out and see who these three are, 'cause I'm not telling...lol

It will be a very exciting evening.

And now, for some very exciting news about a old friend of mine...

She's finally going under the knife. The Tally Ho will be closed for a facelift. The last night will be Feb. 23rd. Check back for news on when we will be reopening. There's a Graffiti Party on Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a DJ on Friday and Saturday nights also, from 11pm 'til 2 am. Come and pay your respects to the Old Gurl.

Well, that's about it for now. Keep warm and hope for spring to get here soon, unless you enjoy snuggling up to warm bodies, or wearing all those clothes. I can always go for the warm body...lol

Love and DivaLicious, Baby

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Miss Gay Lancaster Pride 2008

### Story Time CONSORT FOR A GAY DRACULA by Joe Gill

Jason was a sexy twenty-three year old handsome male ready to take on his first job as the library coder for a wealthy Camp Hill man, whose offer he found in a Harrisburg GLBT paper. The job would require a six month stay at the man's house, and Jason was a little upset that he would not see his boyfriend, Matthew, for that long. He would only talk to Matthew by phone, as the man was reclusive and did not allow visitors. When Jason pulled his Jetta up to the driveway, he was flabbergasted. The place wasn't just a house, it was a damn castle! Overlooking the Conodoguinet Creek, not far from Holy Spirit Hospital, the area was a millionaire's row of high-class homes. Jason got out of the car and stood looking at the place before going up to the door. Dressed in business casual attire consisting of a Hollister dress shirt and black slacks, he saw the man's name on the mailbox, featuring a mounted wolf's head on the post, which was as Gothic as the house itself. It read: PAUL FREDERICK VON SCHAU.

The handsome face answering the door belonged to a young man not too much older than Jason. In contradiction to his almost white alabaster complexion, the guy had jet black hair and the deepest blue eyes. "Are you Jason Quimby?" the young man asked.

Jason was awestruck at the young man's tactfulness to a stranger. "Yeah. I'm Mr. Von Schau's new library assistant and coder." Jason offered his hand, but was immediately offended that the young man backed off, refusing to accept it.

The young man smiled. "Sorry, I'm kind of shy. Mr. Von Schau is my uncle. I'm Nathaniel. I live here with my boyfriend, Adam." He then looked out at Jason's car. "Do come in, Jason Quimby. Please, allow me to bring your luggage in, as you are to be treated as if you are family."

Jason entered and almost passed out at the vastness of the place. He then walked into the huge, cathedral vaulted ceiling family room, where three huge portraits stared down at him from above a large lion's-mouth shaped fireplace. He immediately noticed Nathaniel's portrait, with the striking man standing in a noble pose next to a Victorian chair. The handsome Adonis in the portrait next to his had to be Adam, a sweet Italian-Irish looking guy with deep brown eyes and light auburn hair. Adam was posed seated upon a chair. Then Jason then saw von Schau himself, in the third portrait, and lost

himself in the beauty of the man. Jason had never thought about dating an older man before, and loved Matthew solely, but if he were free, Paul Von Schau would be a catch. The man looked to be in his mid forties, with Ian McKellen looks.

"Mr. Quimby?" The voice echoed like Captain von Trapp's from the Sound of Music. Jason turned to see the imposing and handsome visage of Paul Von Schau coming toward him, with Adam in tow. Adam was just as sexy and sultry as his boyfriend. Von Schau reached out his hand to accept Jason's.

"I'm Jason Quimby, Mr. Von Schau. Your house is a wonder!" Jason said with excited gratitude. Von Schau introduced Adam to him. "Jason, this is my nephew's future husband, as soon as this backward state accepts our relationships equally. Adam DelVecchio, meet the new addition to our family, MY future husband!"

Jason laughed and backed off. "What the hell are you talking about, sir?" Jason reasoned the guy had to be joking. "I'm here for a job. I have a boyfriend. I'm not into any nonsense like this!" It was then Jason heard snarling. He turned around to see Nathaniel with an opened mouth full of cobra-like fangs. Then a puma-like growl sounded from Adam, who lunged at Jason, catching his right arm while Nathaniel took hold of his left. "WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!" Jason screamed, as he saw Paul von Schau hiss and snarl with the same array of fangs, ready to plunge into his supple, young neck.

"Jason, I shall not be deprived of a lover. As for your Matthew, he can join our royal harem as well." As von Schau went for Jason's carotid artery, the young man's screams faded into sensuous gasps of lust and passion, which echoed throughout the vast house.

#### ...LATER THAT NIGHT...

Matthew was surprised to see Jason walk through the door of their Third Street townhouse. "Didn't the guy want you for the job, Hon?" he asked, as he gave Jason a kiss and took his coat. Jason didn't answer him and only stared. "What's wrong, baby"?

Jason's long, sharp teeth shone as he smiled. "Nothing's wrong, Matthew. "In fact, everything's going to be much better... forever"!

The last thing Matthew saw, as a living human being, was his lover lunging over him like a young cougar over his prey, and then the fangs coming for his life-giving blood.

## GIOVANI TASTES

#### Da Vinci Italian Eatery

February is that time of year when Viktor and I celebrate our anniversary. Viktor is fortunate that not only is our anniversary the day when we first met, it's also the day we became partners, one year later. It also happens to be a semi-holiday of a certain mammalian prognosticator. Viktor does have trouble remembering things, and big words do confuse him. The timing may not have been intentional, but it works out quite well.

This year our work schedules would not allow us to spend the day together. We decided to celebrate a week earlier than our true anniversary. Viktor told me he was taking me out to dinner. I smiled kindly, thinking he would take us down memory lane to eat at that particular place about which I am not all that thrilled. I am trying to be kind, since he will be reading this. Not that I didn't have a nice time, all those years ago, but sometimes our ideas of a nice restaurant are, umm, divergent, shall we say.

When he told me he was taking me out to an Italian restaurant, I ran down the list of nice Italian places in the area. He knows I am very particular about eating Italian out. There are certain places that no true Italian would haunt, but I will be nice and adamantly refuse to mention any particular Italian chain containing a garden reference by name. In case you're wondering, no, that is not where Victor took me on our first date.

I should have more faith in Viktor. We pulled into Da Vinci Italian Eatery in Mechanicsburg, located on the Carlisle Pike about a mile west of Route 114. I was surprised by the Mediterranean décor and loved the statues that decorated the walls. It had the feeling of an oasis in the middle of the busy highway; comfortable, clean and the smells were incredible as soon as we entered.

You can be seated to enjoy entrees from the wide-ranging menu, as we did, or order it to go. Pizza and subs abound, but the real treat is Da Vinci's authentic Italian food. We started with the Bruschetta Napoletana and the Calamari Fritti. Both were delicious. For entrees, I enjoyed the Pasta Fagioli and the Gnocchi Caprese, which made me believe, for a moment, that I was back in South Philly with my family. Viktor was his normal German self by ordering a Greek Salad, which surprised me with it's large size, fresh mixed greens (not bagged), chunks of real feta cheese, and a homemade balsamic vinaigrette that was a treat. Including dessert, our bill was shockingly cheaper than I would have believed. It's a BYOB to boot!

Momma Rosa, whose accent gave away her Italian heritage, waited on us. We learned that she and her husband, Carlo, came from Naples in 1971. After a few years in New York City, they decided to move to Central PA and show what real Italian food was like. Their children, Antonio, Joey, and Carlo Jr. are all first generation American, like me, and help in the family businesses. Antonio, the oldest, was in the kitchen that night, cooking and showing his talents with incredible food.

Momma told us that her husband opened Da Vinci's in August of last year. Carlo did all the restoration of the restaurant, with some help from his boys. She explained that he opened close to 30 restaurants from NYC to Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Judging by the number of people coming in and going out of the restaurant while we were there, it is very popular. The tastes were more than enough proof to us that Carlo knows that the best restaurants have the best food.

I was actually impressed with Viktor for finding a true Italian paradise in Central Pennsylvania. After all these years, he can still surprise me. Then he admitted that his stylist, who owns Salon Halo in Mechanicsburg, is married to Antonio, and was the one who told him about the restaurant and the great food. I should have known.

Da Vinci's – 6617 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg – 691-0111, is an authentic Italian experience. I would Mapquest the address to find it easier, because it's location is a bit hidden. It is very much worth the treasure hunt. Go and find out for yourself that an awesome meal at a great price can still be found, if you know where to look.

Our next stop is Antonio's place, Palumbo's on Second Street in Harrisburg, to try some of Grandma's Pizza!

If you have any questions or comments or a suggestion for a topic you would like to see about Food and Dining, please email me at:

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## Lesbian Perspective

by Judy Chambers

Have to move out of your pad?

It happens to us all at some point in time. Whether it's time to move away from home, getting a divorce, your partner kicking you out, or however it happens, you need to find a new place to live. But what about my 2 cats and a dog? Where am I going to find a place that accepts pets?

You frantically look through the Sunday paper's apartments for rent. I didn't see any places in there that says they accept pets. Damn. Now what? Am I going to have to go through the phone book calling every single apartment complex? I don't have the time to do that because it would take all freaking day. What am I going to do? I will not give up my pets, no way! They're my kids. They help preserve my sanity, or what's left of it.

I'm sure we've all been through this quandary once or twice. I do have a solution for you. There

is a website that has a section called Pet Friendly Apartments. The good people at Castaway Critters, an animal rescue organization located in Central PA has a listing of apartment complexes from Gettysburg, Chambersburg, Dillsburg, Harrisburg, Hershey, Jonestown, Lancaster County, Cumberland County, York, and a lot of places in between. Here's the web address that will put you right on the page of pet friendly apartments: http://www.castawaycritters.org/info/display?PageID=186.

Oh, and while you're there, give them a small donation to show your appreciation that someone took the time to do this for everyone. Even if it is \$5, and a small message saying thank you for that service. This is a great organization that was started a few years back by some people I know. If you know someone that is looking for a pet please refer them to Castaway Critters. They are a great group of people doing a great service rescuing and caring for cats and dogs and getting them ready for adoption.

Now it's time to start packing! I think Mary has a friend with a pick-up truck.....

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## **Common Roads**

15 Artists, 15 Years

On Sunday February 10, Common Roads held a reception for its premiere of the "15-15" art exhibition at the WITF Public Media Center, continuing its "Winter Arts" festival and celebrating Common Roads' 15-year anniversary.

15 GLBT artists each had one work based on the theme of "Coming Out!" – the exhibit included acrylic, watercolor, and oil paintings along with photography, sculpture, and other mixed media. Common Roads included a timeline of significant GLBT events during the past 15 years, and an essay on "Coming Out" by Amy Stillman which combined various personal accounts of the phrase.



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Artists listed going up the steps: Scott Alpert (Parents of), Victor Capecce, Melinda Deardorff, Neil Dreibelbis, Andrew Guth, Sherryl Heberlig, Robert Hughes, Melody Keim, Kristen Kest, Steve Myers, Kristen Richards, Terri Smith, Sarah Stoyan.

I was initially disappointed at such a small exhibit, but I began to quickly understand that the intent here was not to comprehensively showcase the artists. Common Roads hoped to take "Coming Out!" and expand its ability to go beyond words; to be viewed in the art of those borne from the community. Common Roads Executive Director Michelle Simmons and Board of Directors VP (and Curator) Don Blyler III spoke during the reception, lauding the ongoing efforts and struggles of Common Roads and all the people supporting its mission. Don specifically mentioned how WITF further legitimized the Common Roads mission and allowed them to reach into circles they'd previously had been unable. It felt, indeed, as though Common Roads were celebrating its own "coming out."

The art itself felt packed with drama – emotions of strife, love, pain, identity and celebration wound their way through the exhibit. I didn't see much glowing "Pride!" in these works, but I suppose pride is a downstream settling after the frightening but confirming emotions one must go through in the challenge of "Coming Out!"

WITF's Public Media Center will host the exhibit until March 17, when it will begin its tour of other locations such as the Art Association of Harrisburg and the campuses of Millersville, HACC Lebanon and HACC Lancaster universities.

More information of the exhibit and tour dates can be found at http://web.mac.com/sweeneyart/1515.



Kristen Kest was rewarded with "Best of Show" for her piece: Breaking the Surface of Equipollent Oppositions

— Philip

### SPIRITUALITY CORNER

### Religion:

Does it Divide Us or Unite Us?

By Mark Smith

In today's world, it is difficult to tell if our religious beliefs are really benefiting us and society, or if they are just contributing to more division and problems in both our country and the world. According to Charles Monroe's book, World Religions, the goal of religion is to inspire humankind to seek a more ideal world; a utopia, so to speak, in which all people regardless of race, orientation. class, sexual religion, gender identification, age, or any other category of division, can live in harmony and peace. While religion in theory is opposed to violence, the fact of the matter is that religion is responsible for much of the war and misery found in human

Today we frequently hear the term "holy war" or jihad on the nightly news when reporters are discussing the radical fundamentalist terrorists. Unfortunately, this is nothing new in the history of the world. In Medieval times. Europe or Western Christian culture went, at the urging of the Pope, to the Middle East to reclaim Jerusalem and other holy sites for the Christians to rid the area of its Muslim inhabitants. There was also the Spanish Inquisition, in which the Roman Catholic Church went on a mission of discovery and subsequent punishment of those it believed were guilty of heresy. Unfortunately, many people were victims of Nazi atrocities when Hitler decided to cast the blame of Germany's post World War I problems on the Jews and carry out the Holocaust.

In more recent times, there was the problem of Northern Ireland, where Protestants and Catholics went after each other, frequently in a flurry of violence. There is always conflict in the Middle East, sometimes between Arabs and the Jews. Also, there is the conflict between Sunni and Shiite Muslims. These conflicts of course, involved physical violence, with devastating effects on individuals, society, and the surrounding environment.

Here in America, with the exception of September 11, 2001, we prefer to handle our disagreements in a seemly bit more civilized, but not less deadly, manner. Our religious radicals simply tell you to your face that you're going to hell because you don't believe the way

that they do. Through a series of lies and untruths, they also seek to recruit followers who will go out and spread the word that God doesn't love you because of your sexual orientation or gender identification. After all, if they can get you to hate yourself, they've accomplished their mission. It's far more difficult to prosecute and get a body count from psychological acts of terrorism than it is for murder and physical terror.

With all of this religious conflict, would think that the religions have nothing in common at all. Interestingly enough, quite the opposite is true, and there are many similarities between religions. Christianity, Judaism. and Islam all believe in one God. These three monotheistic religions also share several prophets and some of the same sacred texts. On a broader scale is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity all have different, yet strikingly similar ways of stating the Golden Rule. My question is this, if religion is suppose to teach us how to get along with each other, love each other, and have mutual respect for one another, why do religious beliefs seem to be at the heart of much of the world's conflicts?

Perhaps the voices of not only the Christian church, but other religions as well, should be far less concerned about homosexuality and more focused on teaching people how to love each other. Perhaps America's Evangelical Christians could pause for a moment and stop telling everyone who is going to heaven and hell, and focus on problems like world hunger, AIDS in Africa, genocide in Darfur, and homelessness, to name a few. Perhaps we should stop reading and using our sacred texts as ways to divide each other, and instead focus on the lessons they have to teach us about loving each other. In Pennsylvania, as we fight over a marriage amendment again, perhaps one might read what is known as the "Love Chapter" (1 Corinthians 13) from the Bible. As much as this chapter is used during marriage ceremonies, the Apostle Paul really wrote it as a way a community could get along, not necessarily limiting this text to refer to ways a heterosexual husband and wife could get along. If we truly are serious about using religious beliefs and traditions to get closer to God, perhaps we need look no further than focusing on how to get along with our family, our neighbor, our fellow citizens, and the



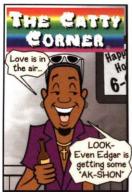


#### RUFFLED FEATHERS

WELCOME TO WHAT RUFFLES MY FEATHERS, WHERE IF COMMON SENSE WERE A WEAPON, MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE UNARMED.

FOR YEARS MOST OF US HAVE FOUGHT TO BE SEEN AS EQUAL. HOW CAN WE EXPECT TO BE SEEN AS EQUAL WHEN WE DISMISS EACH OTHER, USING TERMS LIKE "BUTCH," "FEM," OR "MASCULINE," AND SAY, "IF I WANTED TO BE WITH A WOMAN I WOULD BE STRAIGHT, SO IF YOU DO DRAG WE CAN'T DATE?" WELL, LET ME SAY THIS. I AM 5'4", A 120 LB. GOTH PUNK, KINKY DOMINATE, AND YES, I DID DRAG. I HAVE DONE A LOT TO HELP OTHERS, YET PEOPLE SEE WHAT IS ON THE OUTSIDE, AND NOT THE HEART THAT I HAVE. HOW CAN THE STRAIGHTS SEE BEYOND WHAT WE ARE, TO WHO WE ARE, WHEN WE CAN'T SEE INSIDE OURSELVES? IT'S TIME TO STEP BACK AND SAY, "HEY, YOU'RE GAY, YOU'RE LESBIAN, BUT REGARDLESS, I SEE YOU. I LOVE YOU. I EXCEPT THAT YOU'RE FEM. BIG DEAL."

WE FIGHT THE SAME FIGHT, AND IT'S TIME WE TEACH THE WORLD HOW TO SEE WHO WE ARE, NOT WHAT WE ARE. AS YOU READ THIS, LOOK AROUND AND THINK. WE HAVE TO TEACH EACH OTHER TO LOVE OURSELVES. IT'S TIME TO LOVE EACH OTHER. IT'S TIME TO BE ONE AND SAY, "NO MORE STEREOTYPES." IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE. IT'S TIME TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. THE TERM "FREAK" IS DEEMED TO BE BAD. TO ME IT MEANS LOVE. SO WHY CAN'T WE "FREAK EACH OTHER." IF WE CAN SAY, "THE HELL WITH WHAT OTHERS THINK," THEN WHY, AS A COMMUNITY, CAN'T WE SAY, "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!"?















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of the Greater Lehigh Valley

## ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INDUCTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley held its 2008 Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 24th. Those seeking

privileges to vote on the organizations Annual Budget and Board of Directors became Pride GLV members. The Annual Budget and Slate of Directors were presented and approved by members in attendance. The newly appointed Board then elected its leaders for the year.

The 2008 Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley Board of Directors includes:

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The new Board of Pride GLV invites everyone to take an active part in the organization, its programs and events, including Pride in the Park and the Rainbow Scholarship. 2008 Board Meetings are always open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm. Meetings take place at 1101 W. Hamilton Street in downtown Allentown, PA. About Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley is a volunteer non-profit community service organization dedicated to building safe inclusive communities in eastern Pennsylvania.Website: www.prideglv.org

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